



Boating Infrastructure Grants Program

Purpose

Washington's has more than 250,000 registered boats plying its rivers, lakes, coasts, and Puget Sound. Ensuring that the appropriate services are provided for boaters is essential to preserving the recreational and commercial value of Washington's boating industry.

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation manages the Boating Infrastructure Grants (BIG) program to help local communities address the needs of boaters. The program provides funding for recreational transient boating facilities, targeting the needs of recreational boats 26 feet and larger.

Accomplishments

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation has awarded nearly \$1.5 million in grants to six projects since the start of the program in 1998. Grant recipients, while only required to provide 25 percent matching funds in either cash or in-kind contributions, have far exceeded that by contributing \$6.9 million or an 82 percent match of the total project costs.

Who Can Apply for a Grant?

- Local governments
 - Cities, counties, towns, ports, and districts
- Tribes
- State agencies
- Private marinas open to the public
- Nonprofit organizations, such as yacht clubs with facilities open to the public



The Port Orchard Marina used a BIG grant to replace a wooden float with one that would accommodate large boats and events.

Grant Evaluation Process

Applications are evaluated in a competitive process by a team of experts. Scores are based on how projects address the identified needs and priorities of a statewide boating infrastructure plan, technical merits, public-private partnerships, cost efficiencies, and economic impacts.

Where Does the Money Come From?

A portion of the federal Aquatic Resources Trust Fund as administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.